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1. DURING MAY 23 CONVERSATION WITH QATARI MINISTER OF FINANCE
AND PETROLEUM SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, WHO IS
ALSO CURRENT OPEC PRESIDENT, AMBASSADOR ASKED ABOUT INDONESIAN
ANNOUNCEMENT ON OIL PRICE FREEZE. ABDUL AZIZ REPLIED THAT HE
WAS PUZZLED BY INDONESIAN ACTION AND WAS CONTEMPLATING FOLLOWING

EXAMPLE OF KUWAIT OIL MINISTER IN QUERYING GOI ON SUBJECT.

2. ACCORDING ABDUL AZIZ, THERE IS NO RPT NO DEFINITE AGREEMENT AS YET AMONG ELEVEN TO DROP SCHEDULED JULY 1 FIVE PERCENT PRICE INCREASE, ALTHOUGH SUBJECT CONTINUES TO BE UNDER CONSTANT DISCUSSION. ABDUL AZIZ STATED THAT SITUATION, AS HE UNDERSTANDS IT, IS VERY MUCH AS IT HAS BEEN, I.E. ELEVEN WILL DROP JULY 1 INCREASE IN RETURN FOR SAUDI AND UAE INCREASE UP TO 10 PERCENT. ABDUL AZIZ EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THIS COMPROMISE WOULD BE WORKED OUT IN NEAR FUTURE AND HOPEFULLY BEFORE JULY MINISTERIAL.

3. ABDUL AZIZ ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PRINCE FAHD'S RECENT PRONOUNCEMENTS IN INTERVIEW WITH BEIRUT DAILY "AL ANWAR" INDICATED SAUDIS' RECEPTIVENESS TO COMPROMISE, BUT HE SAID THERE WAS NOTHING OFFICIAL FROM SAG ON THIS. HE REITERATED VIEW THAT SAUDIS NOT LIKELY TO MAKE ANY DECISION ON OIL PRICE QUESTION UNTIL AFTER PRINCE FAHD RETURNS FROM HIS VISIT TO US TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.

4. COMMENT: ABDUL AZIZ MADE IT CLEAR THAT GOQ WILL SUPPORT AND IS EAGER FOR AGREEMENT AMONG ELEVEN TO DROP 5 PERCENT JULY 1 PRICE INCREASE, BUT SUCH AGREEMENT HAS NOT QUITE JELLED AND GOQ NOT GETTING OUT IN FRONT AS APPARENTLY INDONESIANS HAVE.

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